

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

January 17, 2012

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Eldrin Bell, Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph, Commissioner Sonna Singleton, Commissioner Gail Hambrick, and Clerk Shelby D. Haywood.

1. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation was led by Rev. William Hill of Higher Living Christian Church in Jonesboro, Georgia. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.
3. Amended the agenda by adding a brief award presentation from FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Brian Lamkin to honor the actions of Clayton County Police Officer Tony Griffin in a federal investigation (following item #5; Proclamation); adding Resolution 2012-19 (Authorizing the extension of the agreement with Georgia Housing Consulting, Inc. providing terms and conditions under which consulting services will be provided in administering and managing HUD programs); and adding Resolution 2012-20 (Authorizing Clayton County to enter into a grant agreement with United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, on behalf of the Clayton County Extension Services, to accept grant funds [\$25,625.00] for the Born to Learn Program via Parents as Teachers, with no match of local funds required). Clerk Haywood also noted that the Executive Session to be held tonight pertained to a litigation update and personnel matters. The agenda was adopted, as amended, as all commissioners had copies before them. Vote unanimous.
4. Approved the January 10, 2012 Regular Business Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous.
5. PROCLAMATION: "Clayton County Honors Southern Regional Medical Center Staff Members" (presented by Chairman Eldrin Bell to Charles Ivory, Kenneth Allen, Kathy Maddock, and Annie Pearl Allen).

{NOTE: A group photo of the honorees was taken, accompanied by Southern Regional Medical Center executives James Crissey; Senior Vice-President, Strategic Development and Support Services and Joe Baker; Vice-President of Facilities and Engineering Services. Also present were two (2) Hospital Authority Board members; Board Chairman Dr. Raju Vanapalli and Member Dr. Henry Anderson. Clerk Haywood read the proclamation for the benefit of the honorees and audience.}

Dr. Vanapalli thanked the Board of Commissioners as well as the citizens for their support during the struggling times that Southern Regional Medical Center is facing. He commended the staff members who were honored tonight for ensuring the security and safety of hospital patients and expressed sincere appreciation for their efforts.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: FBI Award to Clayton County Police Officer Tony Griffin for his actions during a federal investigation (presented by Special Agent-in-Charge Brian Lamkin).

Agent Lamkin thanked the Board and community for the opportunity to present this award tonight to Clayton County Police Officer Tony Griffin. He stated that one of General H. Norman Schwarzkopf's tenets about leadership was "knowing the right thing to do is one thing...doing the right thing is much harder." General Schwarzkopf emphasized that a person should decide to always do the right thing.

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This evening, the Federal Bureau of Investigation wished to recognize Police Officer Tony Griffin for actions and information he brought forth to the Bureau's attention regarding a fellow officer engaged in corrupt behavior. As everyone is aware, Agent Lamkin expressed that those involved particularly in law enforcement are held by a higher standard and rightfully so. Without that higher standard, the public and government would lose trust and confidence in law enforcement leaders and officers. He informed everyone that today former Police Officer Jonathan S. Callahan was sentenced to sixty-two months of imprisonment followed by several years of supervised release. As a result of the information that Officer Griffin provided, the FBI was able to perform the best investigation possible in the Atlanta division. Agent Lamkin also praised the partnership of Clayton County Police Chief Greg Porter, whom he described as one of the finest police chiefs he had ever met. Per Agent Lamkin, this award just exemplifies the leadership that flows down to the ranks. He then read the citation from FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III to Officer Griffin as follows:

The FBI is proud to recognize Police Officer Tony Griffin of the Clayton County Police Department for your outstanding cooperation and assistance in connection with an investigation of great importance. The FBI's ability to carry out its investigative responsibilities to the American people has been greatly enhanced through your help, and you can be very proud of your valuable contributions to the success achieved.

Agent Lamkin next introduced his staff members who were involved in this investigation: Roger Stanton, Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge; Gina Young, Correction Squad Supervisor; and Brian Davis and Andy Van Epps; Case Agents. He then presented the award to Police Officer Tony Griffin, and pictures were taken with the Board and the FBI represented.

7. Theodis Locke, Interim Director of Central Services/Risk Management, presented one (1) request which resulted in the following action:

1) Approved a request to amend the current Turf Management for Athletic Fields Annual Contract services, by adding services for lime application (as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department for various athletic fields). Vote unanimous.

The vendor is TruGreen located in Ellenwood, Georgia, who was originally awarded the contract by the Board of Commissioners on August 10, 2010. TruGreen has agreed to accept the amendment.

8. Angela Jackson, Director of Finance, presented the following four (4) budget amendments which resulted in these actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on all of these items at once.)

1) Approved Budget Amendment #2-17/Other General Government/FYE 6-30-12, in the amount of \$33,000.00, to transfer funds to cover the cost of replacing a vehicle where the repair cost exceeds the value of the vehicle. Vote unanimous. Vote unanimous.

2) Approved Budget Amendment #2-18/Other General Government/FYE 6-30-12, in the amount of \$77,000.00, to appropriate funds for Site 2 Landfill compliance cost. Vote unanimous.

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3) Approved Budget Amendment #2-19/Parks & Recreation/FYE 6-30-12, in the amount of \$36,700.00, to re-appropriate funds to complete the purchase of Rec Trac software for Parks and Recreation. Vote unanimous.

4) Approved Budget Amendment #4-29/Reimposition SPLOST Projects 2009/FYE 6-30-12, in the amount of \$684,750.00, to establish the budget for land acquisition for the construction of the Northeast Police Precinct per Board approval of the real estate contract in the January 3, 2012 minutes. Vote unanimous.

9. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, submitted one (1) request which resulted in this action:

1) Approved a request from the Interim Director of Central Services to reclassify the Risk Manager (Pay Grade 31) position to Risk Administrator (Pay Grade 28). Vote unanimous.

This request is made due to the reorganization of the department as well as to meet the needs of the department. The employee who holds the Risk Manager position is currently serving probation, and she has been notified of the change. There will be an annual salary savings of approximately \$6,100.00.

10. Approved Resolution 2012-14 authorizing the adoption of the Clayton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan dated October 2010. This plan has been approved by all municipalities within the county, and the resolution would authorize the Chairman to sign the plan on behalf of the county. Vote unanimous.

11. Approved Resolution 2012-15 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lovejoy for the repair and maintenance of Lovejoy's roads; to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement and otherwise perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect the appropriations and expenses relating thereto; The City of Lovejoy will fund 100% of the cost. Vote unanimous.

12. Approved Resolution 2012-16 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Subgrant Award Agreement with the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and, in accordance therewith, accept grant funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 on behalf of the Clayton County District Attorney's Office for the Stop Violence Against Women Act; to authorize the Chairman's authority to execute the Subgrant Award Agreement; etc. This grant requires a \$26,667.00 match of in-kind services. Vote unanimous.

13. Approved Resolution 2012-17 providing for the establishment and publication of qualifying fees for the County Office of Surveyor at \$35.00 to be filled in the upcoming Primary and General Election. Vote unanimous.

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14. Approved Resolution 2012-18 granting approval to the Clayton County Water Authority in accordance with GA Laws 1955, P. 3344, Et Seq. for the acquisition by Eminent Domain of such property rights (easements) necessary to further the completion of the Water Authority's sanitary sewer program; to authorize the Chairman to execute any documents and perform all acts necessary; etc.

Vote unanimous.

15. Approved Resolution 2012-19 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an extension of the agreement with Georgia Housing Consultants, Inc. from January 31, 2012 to February 29, 2012; providing for the terms and conditions under which consulting services will be provided; to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement and otherwise to perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of the resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue sources and expense; etc. This is an extension of the agreement to coincide with the end of the agreement with Frank Newton, Inc. Vote unanimous.

16. Approved Resolution 2012-20 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a grant agreement with the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta on behalf of Clayton County Extension Service and, in accordance therewith, accept grant funds (\$25,625.00) associated with the Born to Learn Program via Parents as Teachers. No match of local funds is required. Vote unanimous.

Interim County Attorney Jack Hancock requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and a litigation update. The Board agreed to hold an Executive Session by general consent.

Motion by Chairman Bell, second by Commissioner Singleton, to go into Executive Session in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 7:25 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to go out of Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Chairman Bell, second by Vice-Chairman Ralph, to reconvene the Regular Business Meeting in the Commissioners' Boardroom at 7:34 p.m. Vote unanimous.

17. Clerk Haywood read into the record these "requests to fill," on behalf of County Manager Wade Starr and Human Resources Director Renee Bright, for Board consideration and approval (based on prior Board discussion/decision in the Executive Session):

1. Three (3) Police Officer I/Police Officer II positions (per certification) – Police Department
2. ** One (1) Part-time Lifeguard – Senior Services
3. ** One (1) Part-time Center Maintenance Worker – Senior Services

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** These positions will be hired through the county's agreement with WorkTrain.

Following the reading of these "requests to fill" into the record, this Board motion ensued:

Motion by Chairman Bell, second by Vice-Chairman Ralph, to approve the aforementioned "requests to fill." Vote unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Chairman Bell, second by Vice-Chairman Ralph, to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of January 17, 2012 at 7:35 p.m. Vote unanimous.